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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 10, Part 4, relative to the offense of driving under the influence of an intoxicant and methods used to detect such offense.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 10, Part 4, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Section\_\_\_\_. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or rule of court to the contrary, the testimony of a law enforcement officer concerning such officer's observations of the physical condition of a defendant to whom one (1) or more of the standardized field sobriety tests developed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for the purpose of detecting the offense of driving under the influence of an intoxicant has been administered shall be admissible in evidence and relevant to the determination of whether the defendant violated the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-10-401. Evidence of the general acceptance by or reliability in the scientific community of such tests may be introduced but shall not be required in order to use the officer's observations surrounding the administration of such tests as proof of the defendant's violation of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-10-401.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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